

ODD FELLOWS.

Every Branch of the Order Flourishing.
Rebekah Degree Notes.

In the language of Grand Sir Stebbins, "We have reached that period in our history when no adverse criticism, no unfriendly assaults, can have any effect, and when we can afford to pass them by in silence, untroubled and unharmed by their utterance, looking forward with hope to the day dawn of their higher enlightenment." Every branch of the order is flourishing, exhibiting an increase in the number of its subordinates for the past year.

Like the past, the grand in the subordinate lodges, the past noble grand in the Rebekah lodges become the most constant and useful members.

The president of a Rebekah assembly doubtless may appoint other than those officers named in section 31—for example, supporters, but they would not rank as officers, only assistants.

The Michigan Rebekah says that every Rebekah should read the twenty-fourth chapter of Genesis, the fourth and fifth chapters of Esther and the book of Ruth.

It is said that Naomi was 500 years old when she married, and in view of this example no unmarried Rebekah should be discouraged.

Rebekahs are usually ready and even glad to perform any duty that will contribute to the welfare of the lodge.

Since the last session of the Illinois Rebekah assembly, Nov. 29, there have been 39 new Rebekah lodges instituted.

Sister Fannie Benjamin, president of the California Rebekah assembly, last year traveled over 6,000 miles.

Parthena Rebekah lodge of Cairo has one of the finest staffs in Illinois.

Rebekahs of Denver have appointed a committee as the first move toward securing a home.

Odd Fellowship places woman where she properly belongs, in the higher sphere of earthly intelligence.

Oklahoma Rebekahs, though few in numbers, are workers and a large increase in lodges is expected this year.

The report of the Pennsylvania grand lodge shows 17 new Rebekah lodges chartered last year. Total membership, 11,311.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

Preparing For the Cleveland Encampment—Helmert Gillet.

The magnitude of the arrangements for the supreme lodge convention and encampment of the uniform rank, to be held in Cleveland the last week of August, may be judged by the fact that the local committee expects to expend over \$50,000 in the entertainment of visitors. The estimates of those expected by the committee are based on former national gatherings.

The Cleveland committee of arrangements has introduced a feature which no other city has undertaken—namely, the sending of a special invitation to each grand domain, who in turn officially promulgate the invitation to their respective subordinate lodges. These various subordinate lodge members are invited to take part in the grand allegorical night parade of the Greek story of Damon and Pythias, which will be represented by 24 floats. It is expected that 18,000 plumed Knights and 200,000 visitors will be in attendance.

Reports from the uniformed rank by General D. J. Turner show that branch of the order in a most flourishing condition in Virginia.

Alabama reports 500 additions to the uniformed rank last year.

The report of the grand chancellor of Wisconsin shows that new lodges have been instituted at Milwaukee, Oconto, Peshtigo, Benton and New London. The membership is 7,918, an increase of 800 over last year.

Sir W. B. Smithson is now grand chancellor of Tennessee and Sir A. Allison grand keeper of records and seal.

Knights of Honor.

One who visits the various lodges is greatly impressed with the necessity of the dictators becoming most familiar with the duties of their office, the exemplification of the ritual and the general fitness of things.

There seems to be strong feeling abroad that the expenses of the supreme lodge should be curtailed.

The question of biennial sessions of the supreme lodge is one that should receive careful consideration. Triennial sessions would be the better plan, with the provision that a special session could be called if necessary. As these sessions cost about \$12,000 each, it seems a waste of money to hold annual sessions.—New York Press.

Modern Woodmen.

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Lakeview camp of Port Huron paid the first quarter's dues of all the members out of a surplus in the general fund.

Hibernians.
The Ancient Order of Hibernians is an organization 350 years old and was brought into the United States some 60 years ago. Its membership in the United States is about 175,000.

Secretary O'Hare's report shows a membership in Ohio of 4,864, with organizations in 42 counties and 194 divisions. These figures show 21 new divisions organized since the last meeting and an increase in membership of 895.

President Keating of Illinois says 1,300 new members had been initiated in the last two years. The total Illinois membership is now 4,000.

National Provident Union.
This order has had a large number of deaths during the past month, but as the funds for the payment of claims are in the hands of the secretary of the treasury they will be paid off as soon as the proceeds of death are approved. It is the intention of the executive department to continue the immediate payment of claims to the beneficiaries of deceased citizens, as they have been doing for the past year, and thereby maintain the faith and confidence of the citizens.

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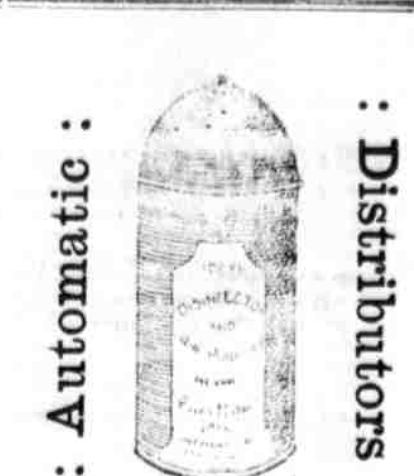
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